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WEATHER REPORT.

Fair Tonight and Saturday
turning very cold.
High Tides: 2:55 A. M., and
3:36 P. M.
Sun rises 6:03 sun sets 6:12.

PRICE, 2 CENTS

STUART REFUSES TO SIGN BILL

Does Not Approve of Re-
lieving Physicians From
License Tax.

FOLLOWS HIS POLICY.

Measure Will Result in Loss of \$42,-
000 to the State—Governor Re-
serves His Right to Recommend.

Richmond, March 20.—Governor Stuart allowed to become a law without his signature last night Senate bill No. 70, exempting physicians from payment of State license. The Governor followed the same policy in this matter that he laid down in allowing the new rolling stock act to become a law without his approval, since before either of these bills takes effect the assessments for 1914 will have been made, and there is to be a special session of the General Assembly to revise the whole system of taxation before the assessment of 1915 is made. Both bills were hotly contested, but in their practical effect they may be regarded as moot questions, save in the matter of a sort of "jockeying for position" before the special tax session. The physicians may claim at that time that they are exempt from taxation, and should not be made subject to any new revenue law that may then be drafted, while if a proposition is submitted to the special session to segregate all railroad taxes to the State alone the cities and counties may claim some other subject of taxation as a compensation for the rolling stock taxes, which, as a matter of fact, they have never received.

Of course, should the special session fail to agree on any comprehensive plan of taxation which would supersede all existing revenue laws, the act which was allowed to become a law last night would exempt the physicians of the State from payment of any license in 1915. The bill carries no emergency clause, and, therefore, will not take effect for three months, by which time the assessment of license taxes for the current year will have been made. The bill exempting physicians' licenses was sharply attacked in the General Assembly both as exempting from license taxes a class of professional men abundantly able to pay, and also because the title and wording of the bill were held to be obscure and misleading. The old revenue act read: "No person shall practice as a physician, surgeon or dentist for compensation without a license," which is amended in the new act to read: "No person shall practice as a dentist," omitting the words "physician, surgeon or," leaving some to infer that the bill was intended to impose a tax on dentists, whereas it merely continues the act already in force as to that branch of the profession.

The bill will lop off from the annual revenues of the State about \$43,000. In allowing both this and the rolling stock bill to become a law without his approval, it is understood that Governor Stuart is reserving the right to make whatever recommendations on the subject of tax reform he may think proper to the special session of the General Assembly, without tying his hands at this time by piecemeal changes in a revenue act which it has been agreed is to be revised from end to end.

NOTICE TO ODD FELLOWS.

Potomac Lodge, No. 38, I. O. O. F., extends a cordial invitation to the members of Satepta Lodge, No. 46, to attend the anniversary exercises tonight at the hall on north Columbus street.

By order of the Noble Grand,
NORMAN L. WILLIAMSON, Secy.

The oyster supper given at Lee Camp Hall last night by the Holy Name Society, was largely attended.

Soft, hard, and deviled crabs fresh daily at the Rammel Cafe—Royal St.

ULSTER PREPARES FOR RAID.

Crisis in Home Rule Situation Feared—Troops May Occupy Northern Province.

London, March 20.—Repeated conferences of government officials, the hurried departure of Sir Edward Carson for Belfast, rumors of impending arrests, and the possible occupation of Ulster by government troops were evidences today of a crisis in the Irish home rule conflict.

With the Unionists declaring that the government has doubled the number of troops in all Irish barracks, the greatest activity was evident among the Ulster volunteers. Unionists firmly believe that the government plans some coup.

The leaders assert that the Ulsterites cannot be held in check much longer, and that any military action which may be taken will certainly be followed by the "war" so long threatened.

Belfast, March 20.—Firing a revolver salute, shouting and wildly cheering, a great crowd welcomed Sir Edward Carson here today, after the Ulster leader's hasty trip from London, following stormy scenes in the House of Commons yesterday, when Andrew Bonar Law challenged the government to hold a referendum on the Irish home rule bill and demanded a vote of censure for the government's attitude.

The situation is believed to be extremely critical today. A great quantity of recruits were removed during the night from the Unionist's headquarters. High-powered motor cars, with volunteer guards, drove up to the headquarters at top speed, were filled with recruits and then whizzed away. Their destination was kept secret, as the Ulster leaders apparently fear a government raid.

VICTIMS OF HAIR THIEVES.

Little Girl From Jersey Despoiled While on a Visit.

Egg Harbor City, March 20.—While Olive Uffebolmer and her mother, of this city, were returning from a theatre in Philadelphia, Wednesday night they stopped to look at a window display of Easter novelties. The little girl felt cold steel against her neck, and turning found a man disappearing down the street at a run.

The thief had cut a braid of her hair eight inches long and four inches thick from the child's head.

Philadelphia, March 20.—Believing that the man who robbed Ethel Schmid, a William Penn High School girl, of her hair on Wednesday, is the same one who a few nights ago cut off a part of her hair, Anna Bamber, 14 years old, of Frankford, last night gave the police a description of the man in the hope that he may be caught. She told Lieutenant McKay that while returning from work in a factory at Third and Market streets, a few nights ago, a man boarded the car at Arch street, and soon afterwards cut off a portion of her heavy braid of brown hair. When he found that she had discovered him, the man left the car at Girard avenue, and the girl sitting beside her told her that the same man had attempted to cut off her hair.

DROWNS CHILDREN IN TUB.

Mother, Believing She Had Consumption, Took Poison.

Greenwich, Conn., March 20.—Believing that she had consumption and would be a burden to her husband, Mrs. William Anthony, wife of a contractor, drowned yesterday her small son and daughter in a bathtub and then took poison.

When Mr. Anthony returned to his home in Brook Bridge last night he found a note from his wife, telling of her contemplated action, and begging forgiveness.

Going to the bathroom, he found Marjorie, aged 3, and Vivian, aged 2, dead, face to face in the water-filled tub. His wife was groaning in agony in the bed room adjoining. She was rushed to a hospital, where it is believed she will recover. A 3-months-old baby was found sleeping peacefully in its crib.

NOTICE.

There will be a special meeting of Fitzgerald Council Knights of Columbus Sunday next after late mass. To take action on the death of Thomas H. Fegan, Grand Knight of the Council.

F. T. QUINN, Recorder.

HOUSE COLLAPSES IN PHILADELPHIA

Eleven Persons Buried in
Debris—Fierce Blaze
Follows Crash.

SOME DEAD IN RUINS.

Beds With Sleeping Occupants Fall
To Cellar Amid Rain of Bricks,
Mortar, Etc.

Philadelphia, March 20.—Eleven persons were buried beneath tons of brick, beams and mortar late last night, when a three-story house at No. 731 Isenminger street collapsed while its occupants were in bed. With a crash that could be heard for squares the whole building, which was 60 years old, caved in, plunging the occupants to the cellar amid a rain of debris.

Four persons were lucky enough to escape most of the falling bricks and to be thrown outside the heap which piled up in the cellar. The other seven, however, were supposed to be still under the heap last night, and 50 firemen, aided by 100 wreckers, worked amid the smoking ruins, at midnight trying to uncover the bodies. It is supposed that all seven are dead.

The four persons were rescued and taken to the Howard Hospital all suffering from bruises and cuts. Three bodies were recovered from the ruins at midnight last night, all scarred and burned beyond recognition.

All the victims are negroes.

The Hoffmans who conducted the house after they had recovered from their fright, were able to tell how the accident happened. They said all the residents of the house had retired to bed and they were asleep in the second-story front room. Suddenly, with a warning crack, the house collapsed. They were hurled downward when the floor crumbled beneath them. The next thing they knew they were lying on top of a heap of bricks.

When the house had fallen several stoves had gone down and scattered their coals through the debris. This set them aflame, and there is fear that the buried persons may have been burned to death.

While the police were digging the firemen were fighting the flames. Meanwhile, the sparks flew high from the ruins and set fire to the houses at No. 1225-27-29 Fitzwater street.

Other houses in the same row as that which collapsed were also trembling and threatened to fall. The police drove out the occupants and prepared to meet any emergency. It was feared that the standing houses would fall into the cavity made by the fallen buildings, in which a hundred men were working, trying to dig out the bodies.

Up to midnight not a single body had been brought forth. The rescue party had only succeeded in uncovering the top layer of bricks, and there were still several tons to be removed. The fire was still smouldering at the base of the heap and several streams were thrown upon it.

TOWED INTO VIRGINIA CAPES.

Disabled Four-Masted Schooner Picked up by Revenue Cutter.

Norfolk, Va., March 20.—The disabled four-masted schooner Elisha Atkins, of Bath, Me., bound from Tampa, Fla., for Baltimore, was towed into the Virginia capes early yesterday by the United States revenue cutter Onondaga, which picked her up at sea yesterday, after a search of forty-eight hours. The Atkins' principal trouble was a disabled rudder-head. Inside of Cape Henry the Atkins was taken in tow by a tug, and proceeded at once to Baltimore. The Atkins' distress was made known by the steamer Verdi, which passed the disabled vessel off this coast March 13, and supplied her with provisions.

Soft, hard, and deviled crabs fresh daily at the Rammel Cafe—Royal St.

DEATH OF MRS. BOOTHE.

Mrs. Mary G. Boothe Dies This Afternoon After a Long Illness.

Mrs. Mary G. Boothe, for half a century prominent in the social, charitable and church circles of Alexandria, died at her residence, 711 Princess street, shortly after two o'clock this afternoon. Mrs. Boothe had been confined to her home for more than a year having suffered a stroke of paralysis in January a year ago. She was the widow of Captain William J. Boothe, who for many years was superintendent of the Cumberland Coal Co., of Cumberland, Md., President of the Alexandria Canal and a member of the Common Council of Alexandria. She was the daughter of the late John Leadbeater, and has one sister living, Mrs. Edgar Speiden, of Washington. She leaves two sons, William J. Boothe, a bond broker, and Gardner L. Boothe, president of the First National Bank. She was a native of Alexandria, and was 73 years old.

For many years previous to her illness, Mrs. Boothe was prominent in all matters relating to charitable and church work in this city. She was president of the board of lady managers of the Alexandria Hospital and deeply interested in the affairs of that institution. She was also connected with all of the activities of Christ Church Parish, of which she was a devoted member.

YOUNG MAN RUNS AMUCK.

Shoots Wife, Mother-in-Law, Brother-in-Law, Child and Policeman.

Washington, March 20.—Five persons were shot when Heuran Kabansky, twenty-five years old, got on the rampage early this morning in the home of his father-in-law, Abraham Rayboy, at 1816 Seventh street, N.W. Kabansky broke into the residence of his father-in-law through a rear window, shot his mother-in-law once, his wife four times, his little brother-in-law, six-year-old, once, Police man Edwards once, a glancing shot, and was wounded by the policeman, who braved his fire in the dark.

Mrs. Lena Rayboy, the mother-in-law, shot through the head by a ball that went in at the chin and came out at the back of the neck, is in a serious condition, and paralyzed above the waist, at Emergency Hospital. Little Solomon Rayboy has a bullet through his chest and lung. Mrs. Fanny Kabansky, the pistol-wielder's wife, was shot once in the head, once in the chest, and twice in the back. Policeman Edwards was grazed by a bullet on the hip, and he in turn put one through Kabansky's left wrist, and struck him a glancing blow on the chest that did not take effect. Edwards is unhurt. The others are seriously injured but have a chance for recovery.

Rayboy, the father-in-law, escaped into the street in his night clothing and was unhurt.

Kabansky and his wife separated eighteen months ago. For four months Mrs. Kabansky has been at the home of her parents. A thirteen-month-old girl, their only child, is in an orphan asylum. A few months ago Kabansky sold out a grocery store in R street and went to New York.

DOWN GO THE PRICES.

A still deeper cut in the prices of food stuffs is shown by the advertisement of F. B. Howard and Bro., appearing on page four of the Gazette today. Howard made a big hit on his egg sale during the past week. While other provision merchants were holding fresh eggs at from 30 to 35 cents, Howard's advertised them in the Gazette first at 28 cents, then at 25 cents, and today at 23 cents. As a result from their small advertisement in the Gazette they disposed of 400 dozen fresh eggs in the space of three days.

Every customer was satisfied with the quality of the eggs and that is one thing that has made Howard's business. A customer must be satisfied or the money is returned at once. But eggs are not the only thing that Howard sells cheap. Look over the lists and compare prices with those charged by other grocers. To buy from their store is like finding money in the street. Howard's advertisements are found only in the Alexandria Gazette and their big business has been built up by consistent advertising of the high quality of their goods, the promptness of their service and low prices.

VIRGINIA "SLATE" FIXED BY WILSON

Executive Said to Have Decided, on Six of Seven Positions.

CONSULTS BACKERS.

Nominations Will Probably be Sent To The Senate This Afternoon or Tomorrow.

Washington, March 20.—President Wilson, after several conferences with members of both political branches in Virginia, is reliably reported to have made up a "slate," consisting of six of the "bis seven" appointments in the State.

The "slate" is now reported to be all ready to send, with other nominations, to the Senate at an early date, possibly today or tomorrow.

United States marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia—John G. Saunders, of Richmond.

Marshal for the West—Thomas Burch, of Martinsville.

United States District Attorney for the Western District—Richard Evelyn Byrd, of Winchester.

Internal revenue collector for the Western District—John M. Hart, of Roanoke.

Collector for the East—R. C. L. Moncre, of Stafford county.

Collector of Customs, at Norfolk—Norman R. Hamilton, of Portsmouth.

There seems to be practically no doubt of the appointment of each of these six, with the exception of the marshal for the East, for which the friends of Robert Ailworth, of the First District still insist he is the President's choice.

"Sergeant" Saunders, of Richmond, has the endorsement of both Senators and Congressman Montague, representing that district, whereas Ailworth has only that of Congressman Jones and Glass. Thomas Burch, of Martinsville, has not been mentioned in the newspapers before for marshal in the West, although it has been known that his name was substituted for that of Lee Clark, of Patrick county, several weeks ago, after charges were filed against Clark and Attorney-General McReynolds and President Wilson informed the Senators he could not be appointed.

Richard Evelyn Byrd is acceptable to both wings of the party as district attorney in the West. Hamilton, who is reported on a Norfolk newspaper, is very strongly endorsed.

Moncre has also maintained his position throughout at the head of the list of the candidates.

Over the nomination of John Hart, it is expected that a heated contest will be waged.

Robert Ailworth spent yesterday in Washington in behalf of his candidacy. H. M. Smith, Jr., of Richmond, father of Hiram M. Smith, at present assistant district attorney, was also here trying to arrange for the promotion of his son to the office of district attorney.

SHOOTING DOUBLY FATAL.

Invalid Neighbor Expires, as Does Man Shot by Officer.

Ridley Park, Pa., March 20.—Following the death at the Taylor Hospital of William McNaull, of Morton, wounded by Constable Jones in a duel at McNaull's home, Charles Parsons, McNaull's neighbor, ill for months, has died of excitement over the shooting.

McNaull's attempt to drive his family out of doors Monday evening led to the summoning of Constable Gee, who says he shot the disturber in the stomach in self-defense. Gee, who says he shot in self-defense, has surrendered to the authorities.

FIRE LAST NIGHT

The alarm of fire about two o'clock this morning was caused by a slight blaze in a house on the east side of Pitt street, between Gibbon and Franklin. The firemen responded and soon subdued the fire, which was in the weatherboarding, with an extinguisher.

PAY ELKS' VISITATIONS.

District Deputy Returns From Inspection of Virginia Lodges.

Robert S. Barrett, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Elks of Virginia, returned today from a trip to the valley of Virginia. On Wednesday night he paid an official visit to the lodge at Winchester, Va., after which a social session was held in his honor. On Thursday night he visited Staunton lodge, which now occupies its handsome new home which was recently dedicated by Deputy Barrett. Both of these lodges were found to be in a flourishing condition.

Mr. Barrett's official visits will be concluded next week when he will visit the lodges of Charlottesville and Clifton Forge. He is now arranging for the trip of the Virginia Elks to the Grand Lodge meeting which will be held in Denver, in July of this year. Alexandria Lodge will be represented by Exalted Ruler James W. Bales.

BRYAN IS 54 YEARS OLD.

Celebrates Birthday on Scale Quite Unusual in Capital.

Washington, March 20.—Secretary William J. Bryan's 54th birthday anniversary was celebrated yesterday on a scale quite unusual in the capital. One of the features was a smoker given by the Secretary to his many friends, among the newspaper men, whose duty bring them into close daily association with him. Mr. Bryan gave his guests this thought from James Russell Lowell to carry back to their work:

"Get but the truth once uttered, and it is like a star new born that drops into its place, and which, once circling in its placid round, not all the tumult of the earth can shake."

The Secretary and Mrs. Bryan late yesterday gave a reception to officials and employees of the Department of State and the women of their families.

Secretary Bryan had expected to celebrate the day by signing peace treaties with Brazil, Argentina and Chile, but the conventions were not prepared in time.

President Wilson wrote Secretary Bryan a birthday letter, which was not made public, but was described by officials as being one of warm congratulation.

ROBBERY AT VIRGINIA.

Thieves Break Into Postoffice and Make Good Haul.

Virginia, Va., March 20.—The postoffice at this place was entered and robbed some time during Wednesday night. The job seems to have been done by professionals. They broke into a nearby blacksmith shop and secured sledge hammers and chisels. With these instruments they prised open the front door, and after drilling a hole behind the combination of the safe, set off a charge of nitroglycerine which did not work effectively. The thieves got several hundred dollars in stamps and about \$125 in money. The Postmaster, W. W. Tuck, had just deposited most of the money he had.

This is the second time the postoffice has been broken into since it has come a presidential office, the last robbery having occurred about six years ago.

DECLARED GUILTY.

Court-Martial Gives Verdict Against Commander Huff.

Washington, March 20.—Lieut.-Commander Charles P. Huff, U. S. N., recently tried by court-martial at Norfolk, for assault upon J. P. Kiecker, of Newport News, Va., was found guilty of "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman," and sentenced to loss of five numbers in grade, and to receive a public reprimand by the Secretary of the Navy. Secretary Daniels has not yet acted upon the court's findings.

Lieut.-Commander Huff has been temporarily restored to duty on recommendation of the trial board pending final adjunction of his case.

A large new pipe organ has been installed in the Church of the Sacred Heart, at Winchester, Va., of which Rev. John McVerry is pastor.

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COURT DECLARES MEASURE INVALID

Throws Out Rolling Stock Bill Waiving Constitutional Questions.

CONFLICTS WITH LAW.

Williams Measure Will Continue in Force Unless Cities Make Appeal to Higher Court.

Richmond, March 20.—Without passing upon the constitutionality of the act, the Supreme Court of Appeals handed down an opinion yesterday sustaining the State Corporation Commission in declaring invalid the rolling-stock bill of March 12, 1912. In the decision, which was written by Judge Buchanan, the court expresses its desire to settle the validity of an act without considering the constitutionality of the measure whenever possible. "No questions can be brought before a judicial tribunal of greater delicacy than those which involve the constitutionality of a legislative act," said the court. "It is the part of wisdom and a just respect for the Legislature not to question the constitutionality of its action if the case may be determined on other points."

Ample ground for declaring the 1912 rolling stock bill invalid was found by the court in its conflict with the revenue law passed on March 13, 1912, the day following the passage of the rolling stock bill. The terms of the bill, providing for the reappointment of railway rolling stock, to the subsequent law, repealed by the amendment enactment of section 2, new law on March 13, 1912, the court held.

Two other grounds, were advanced by the cities in attacking the validity of the bill; the omission of words which should have been inserted to make the act intelligible, and its unconstitutionality. The court refused to sustain the objection on the omission of words, ruling that such an inadvertent omission was immaterial and that the missing words could be inserted by inference.

The Williams rolling stock bill, passed in the closing days of the late General Assembly and allowed to become a law without the Governor's signature, has not yet been attacked by the cities. Its terms are more injurious to the cities than those of the 1912 rolling stock bill, and while its patron feels certain that the objections to the original bill have been obviated in the new measure, it will be submitted to the scrutiny of the State Corporation Commission by attorneys for the cities affected.

The decision of the Supreme Court of Appeals does not, of course, affect the act passed at last session of Assembly and now a law without the Governor's signature. Unless contested again by the interested cities and thrown out for reasons that did not appear in the case terminated yesterday, the new law will become effective to end the long controversy.

Miss Christina Farnival, of Rapidan, Va., is the guest of Miss Anna Barley, in north Washington street.

NOTICE TO RED MEN.

Members of Osceola, and Seminole Tribes of Red Men are requested to meet at 7:30 o'clock Monday night at 112 south Fairfax street for the purpose of escorting members of the order from Washington who will visit the fair for the benefit of the American Indian Guards.

20-3t. By order of the committee.

NOTICE.

There will be a special meeting of Alexandria Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Sunday next after late mass to take action on the death of Thos. H. Fegan.

M. J. McFARLAND, Secretary.